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POWER
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DEMAND OF POWER
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power available with the National Thermal Power Corporation is not sufficient to meet the power requirement of the country;

(b) if so, the schemes under consideration of the Government for the generating more power;

(c) whether due to above mentioned situation Maharashtra State has to purchase power from Enron Company at much higher rate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a): The National Thermal Power Corporation meets only the partial power requirement of the country. NTPC had a generating capacity of 19291 MW (as on 31.3.2000) which was 19.71% of the total generating capacity in the country. During 1999-2000, NTPC`s coal and gas stations had generated 118677 MUs with an availability of 90% for coal stations which is 24.7% of total generation in the country.

(b): According to the Ninth Five Year Plan, the target for capacity addition during the Plan period was 40245.2 MW with the following break up:-

Central Sector	11909 MW
Private Sector	17588.5 MW
State Sector	10747.7 MW

The mid-term appraisal of the 9th Plan has indicated that a capacity of 28097.2 MW consisting of 9729 MW in the Central Sector, 8363 MW in the Private Sector and 10005.2 MW in the State Sector, was feasible.

(c) & (d): Dabhol Power Company (DPC) is an Independent Power Producer supplying power to Maharashtra State Electricity Board and Power is purchased by the Board from Dabhol Power Company in accordance with their requirement and agreement. Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) has purchased 3560 Million Units from Dabhol Power Company from 13.5.1999 to 31.3.2000. The tariff payable to DPC is based on a fixed charge and a variable charge. According to information available from MSEB, the average rate works out to Rs. 4.34 per unit.